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MEXICANS KILL AMERICANS IN FIGHT FOR PLUNDER; TEXANS OUT TO AVENGE

Bordermen Plan an Attack To-night on Rebel Robbers Besieging Big Plant.

THREE COWBOYS SLAIN.

Went with Band to Aid Countrymen Defending Property—Eight Mexicans Fall.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Feb. 27.—Three American cowboys were killed by Mexican rebels after a bloody encounter in an attempt to relieve the employees of the Nelson-Morris ranch opposite Sierra Blanca in Mexico, according to reports received here to-day. Pascal Brown, manager of the ranch, and several of the employees were besieged by Mexicans when they refused to supply them with horses, saddles and arms. The cowboys left Polaris last night to relieve the ranchers.

Twenty-seven cowboys were in the party which set out, after the commander of a detachment of troops had told them he had no authority to cross the border and aid the Morris employees. Eight Mexicans are reported to have been killed in the engagement.

The attempt of the cowboys to relieve Pascal and his men having failed, reports here say Americans are forming on this side of the Rio Grande at Sierra Blanca and will cross the river this evening to participate in the fighting.

The report that the three cowboys were slain thoroughly aroused all the inhabitants along the American side, and there is no doubt of their determination to cross the border. All of the cowboys were well known in Sierra Blanca.

The cowboys reached the Morris ranch early to-day and were at once engaged by a skirmish line thrown out by the Mexicans surrounding the ranch house. The Americans reconnoitered, but encountered a force greatly outnumbering them.

The Morris ranch, known as the "T. O. Ranch," is owned by the Nelson Morris Packing Company of Chicago, and is one of the largest in Northern Mexico. A report received late to-day said that the plant was still besieged by the Mexican robbers and that the Americans under Brown were making a stubborn fight. Another report was that the Mexicans had been driven off.

JUAREZ CAPTURED BY REBELS AFTER A BRIEF FIGHT.

EL PASO, Texas, Feb. 27.—Juarez to-day is in possession of the Yaquis rebels. Firing but one or two volleys and meeting no resistance, except a few scattering shots in reply to their first volley, the rebels marched into the town, capturing the machine guns that had been brought to repel them, took charge of the municipal offices, the custom house, the barracks, the jail and other public buildings.

The rebels made the assault at 10 o'clock, entering the outskirts from the northwest and firing as they entered, using rifles and one cannon. The few hundred men in Juarez as defenders fired a few shots from points of vantage and then were overpowered by their officers to cease.

Mexican Consul E. C. Llorente at El Paso after the capture stated that the officers decided not to make resistance, to avoid complication with the United States.

United States troops patrolled the border at the time the attack was made, apparently ready to enter Juarez if El Paso should be endangered.

As the rebels marched into Juarez they found all houses closed. Only one man, Capt. Romero, of the defenders, was wounded and he accidentally.

No looting accompanied the taking of the city.

GUADALAJARA, Mexico, Feb. 27.—Samuel E. Magill, United States Consul here, has been notified that five American citizens interested in the San Miguel Mining Company, an Indian-appeal concern, have been driven from the property near Ebutla. No details as to the occurrence have reached here. The party was on a tour of inspection.

Sunday World Wants Work Monday Morning Wonders.

BAIL FOR BRANDT, BUT HE'LL STAY IN TOMBS FOR INQUIRY

Carl Fischer-Hansen and Alienist Called as Witnesses Before Grand Jury.

STATEMENT BY SCHIFF.

Banker Makes Public Insulting Letter That Valet Wrote to Mrs. Schiff.

Folke E. Brandt, the Schiff burglar, is to remain in the Tombs a few days longer. This announcement was made to-day by his counsel, Mirabeau L. Towne, after complications had arisen over the matter of a bail bond.

Application was made to Judge Crain in the Court of General Sessions to fix bail for Brandt. Judge Crain said he was not satisfied with the order signed by Justice Gerard restoring Brandt to his liberty, and sent the case back to the Supreme Court.

Justice Gerard, after hearing arguments by Assistant District Attorney Johnstone and Mr. Towne, agreed to amend his order so as to clear up the point that appeared ambiguous to Judge Crain. The hearing was then adjourned until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Then Justice Gerard signed the order and fixed bail at \$5,000.

Carl Fischer-Hansen, who figured as one of counsel for Brandt in 1907, was allowed to go before the Grand Jury to-day and protest against an assertion made by Mortimer L. Schiff through counsel that he (Hansen) helped Brandt prepare a certain letter written to Mrs. Schiff while Brandt was in the Tombs.

Hansen positively denied having any hand in the preparation of the letter, and threatened to cause the arrest of Mr. Schiff for giving "false and libelous information to a newspaper."

ALIENIST CAN'T EXPLAIN HOW HE ENTERED TOMBS.

Dr. Carlos F. MacDonald, one of the two alienists who examined Brandt in Mr. Schiff's office and again in the Tombs in March, 1907, was a witness in the Grand Jury investigation to-day.

He said he was employed by Mr. Schiff to make the examination. He could not explain how he got into the Tombs to see Brandt without an order from the District Attorney or Judge Roakeley.

Other witnesses before the Grand Jury to-day were Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Peterson, who conducted an employment agency, and Mr. and Mrs. Nordberg, who furnished a false report on Brandt's record, said he got much of his information from the Petersons.

Both Petersons denied giving Woodbridge any information about Brandt. They said they did not know Brandt and never had his name in their books.

Through his counsel, Nicol, Anshin, Lindsey & Fuller, Howard S. Gans forwarded to Attorney-General Carmody to-day a long affidavit with the request that it be incorporated in the records of the habeas corpus proceedings before Justice Gerard. This affidavit is in answer to and a denial of an affidavit made by Carl Fischer-Hansen in behalf of Brandt.

Fischer-Hansen avows in his affidavit that Brandt told him he had been advised by Howard Gans to plead guilty, and that Gans promised him a light sentence and that the Schiff paid for his meals, which were sent in from an outside restaurant. Mr. Gans not only denies all these allegations but calls attention to the fact that Fischer-Hansen served a term on Blackwell's Island and is discharged from the practice of law.

Through his attorney, Dr. Lancelotti, Mortimer L. Schiff has issued a lengthy statement regarding the Brandt case. Mr. Schiff goes back to the time that Brandt first entered the employ of the Schiff's at their Oyster Bay agency. Mr. Schiff said that Brandt was discharged from his employ for having written an insulting letter. The letter is a misspelled, ungrammatical effusion.

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BOARD OF CLAIMS LAW UPHELD BY HIGH COURT.

ALBANY, Feb. 27.—The Court of Appeals by a vote of four to three to-day declared constitutional the law passed by the last Legislature creating the State Board of Claims and legislation out of office the Court of Claims.

Two Who Confessed Taxi Holdup, the Chauffeur, Detectives in Case and Woman Who Aided Them



LINER OLYMPIC HITS A DERELICT NEAR ENGLAND

Sea Giant Loses Propeller Blade and Proceeds to Southampton.

Cable advices to The Evening World state that the White Star liner Olympic, the largest steamship afloat, which left here last Wednesday with a notable list of passengers, struck a sunken wreck early to-day near the entrance to the English Channel, and was seriously but not dangerously damaged. One of her propeller blades was broken off and she was scraped along the hull.

The shock of the collision with the derelict was severely felt aboard the Olympic, and the passengers piled out of their berths and into the companion ways, where they were met by stewards who reported that there was no danger. At first it was feared that one of the propellers had been lost, and Capt. E. J. Smith announced to the passengers that he would proceed at once to Belfast, where the liner was built by Harland & Wolff, who have the only drydock sufficiently large to accommodate the Olympic.

When it was discovered that only one propeller blade was missing, Capt. Smith decided to continue his voyage to Southampton, the Olympic's terminal port on the other side of the Atlantic.

A cablegram from Belfast announced that the liner will come there to have a new blade put on, which will be a matter of only a few hours' work.

The repairs would have been executed at Southampton but for the fact that there is no drydock there large enough to accommodate the Olympic.

The steamer will be delayed only a day beyond her scheduled time of departure on her return trip to New York.

The Olympic left her port here at noon on Wednesday with 500 first class passengers. It was the record for the season of the year. The great crowd that saw the vessel off made the pier look as if it was a "big spring" sailing.

This is the second serious accident to the Olympic since she entered the service. On Sept. 19 last she was rammed in Cowes Roads, just after leaving Southampton on her way to Cherbourg and New York, by the British first-class cruiser Hawke. It was her fifth trip.

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Don't take chances when you are in the city. Get the best of the city. Get the best of the city. Get the best of the city.

MRS. GOODWIN ROOSEVELT MAKES DEMOCRATS THINK OF POSTPONEMENT

Senator Bacon Leads in Suggestion of Later Date for National Convention.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—A movement to postpone the Democratic National Convention at Baltimore for at least three weeks, in order that the party may have time to readjust itself to the Roosevelt candidacy, became known here this afternoon. Senator Bacon of Georgia admitted that he approved of such a change.

The movement, it was said, was due to the belief of a number of Democrats that Roosevelt will be nominated, and they believed in this event, the Democratic Party would have to do deep thinking to pick a candidate to beat him.

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FIGHT ON RIGGS HOT IN SENATE; LIE IS PASSED

Republicans Join Democrats in Opposing Appointment to Public Service Board.

ALBANY, Feb. 27.—The Republican Senators at a caucus to-day decided to vote against the confirmation of the nominations of Edward G. Riggs and Herbert P. Hissell as Public Service Commissioners and William H. Sullivan as a member of the State Board of Tax Commissioners.

The Democratic Senators in caucus, after a long discussion decided to oppose the confirmation of Mr. Riggs.

The vote by which Mr. Riggs's nomination was rejected in caucus was 16 to 4. No action was taken on the other nominations. After the caucus the Senate Finance Committee met and voted to report the Riggs nomination adversely.

When the Senate Finance Committee had reported the Riggs nomination for the consideration of the Senate, Chairman Frawley moved that it be rejected. This precipitated a bitter debate, Senator Black of Brooklyn declaring that the Kings County Senators had been deceived and that Gov. Dix had been led into a trap.

The debate became so bitter that the lie was passed. Senator Frawley in opposing Riggs said that the men were worse than the riggs. The riggs were worse than the riggs. The riggs were worse than the riggs.

Senator Black jumped to his feet and, pointing his finger at O'Brien, shouted:

"Does the Senator mean to say that I am connected with the B. H. T.?"

Senator Black made a bitter attack on the majority, saying they had deceived the Brooklyn members. Senator Crain also protested against the action of the majority as a "betrayal."

T. D. Sullivan said that Black and his colleagues had threatened to hold up all legislation unless they got what they wanted. Black attempted to interrupt, but he was quietly reminded to "sit down, little boy, sit down."

A protest against the appointment of Sullivan as State Tax Commissioner was filed with Gov. Dix to-day and the Senate Finance Committee by State Commissioner Stephen H. Van of New York. The protest is backed by the Democratic members of the Board of Supervisors and several members of the County Committee. Sullivan is the leader of a faction which is opposing Ryan's leadership. It is claimed that Sullivan is not a "real" Democrat and has taken appointments from the Orange County Republican organization.

TAXI BANDIT CHIEF TRAPPED ON A TRAIN; ANOTHER CAUGHT HERE

Eugene Splaine, Who Planned The Holdup and Got \$10,000 of the \$25,000 Loot, Captured in Memphis.

MAN WITH GUN FORCED THE ROBBERS TO DIVIDE

Two Confess, Say Crime Was Rehearsed in Central Park—Part of Stolen Money Is Recovered.

Five of the six men who took an active part in the robbery of \$25,000 from two bank messengers in a taxicab in Church street on Feb. 15 were reported under arrest this afternoon. Two of the men have confessed.

Eugene Splaine, who engineered the robbery, rehearsed it in Central Park and appropriated the biggest part of the proceeds, was arrested to-day at Memphis, Tenn. Joseph Lamb, one of the supernumeraries in the affair, was arrested in this city. The other prisoners are Edward Kinsman, alias Collins; Jess Albruzzo and Geno Montani, who were arrested in this city yesterday.

Deputy Commissioner Dougherty and Inspector Hughes were overjoyed this afternoon to get a long distance telephone from Detectives Daly and Clare in Chicago telling of the arrest of Splaine. This arrest is regarded as most important, as Dougherty expects to connect Splaine with other holdups of recent occurrence in New York.

Splaine went to Chicago two days after the taxicab robbery with Kinsman, who returned. Daly and Clare went out for Splaine and were close on his trail last night when, under the name of Frank J. L. Ford and in company with a man giving the name of James Keefe, he took a train on the Illinois Central for San Francisco, by way of New Orleans.

PHONED TO MEMPHIS AND CAUSED THE ARREST.

The two New York detectives were too late to get the train, but they got to the long distance phone and connected with the Chief of Police of Memphis. Splaine and his companion were arrested on board a sleeper of the train there at 11 o'clock this morning. Keefe is not known to Commissioner Dougherty or Inspector Hughes in connection with the taxicab robbery. They have sent word to Daly and Clare to go to Memphis and arrange to bring Splaine to New York and also to find out about Keefe.

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SALOONKEEPER AIDS IN RECOVERING \$2,000 OF LOOT.
Joseph P. Smith, who keeps a saloon at No. 28 Thompson street, appeared at Police Headquarters to-day and said he had been sent by his attorney, Henry Goldsmith, to place \$2,000 of the loot, committed to his care by Jess Albruzzo, one of the men under arrest, in